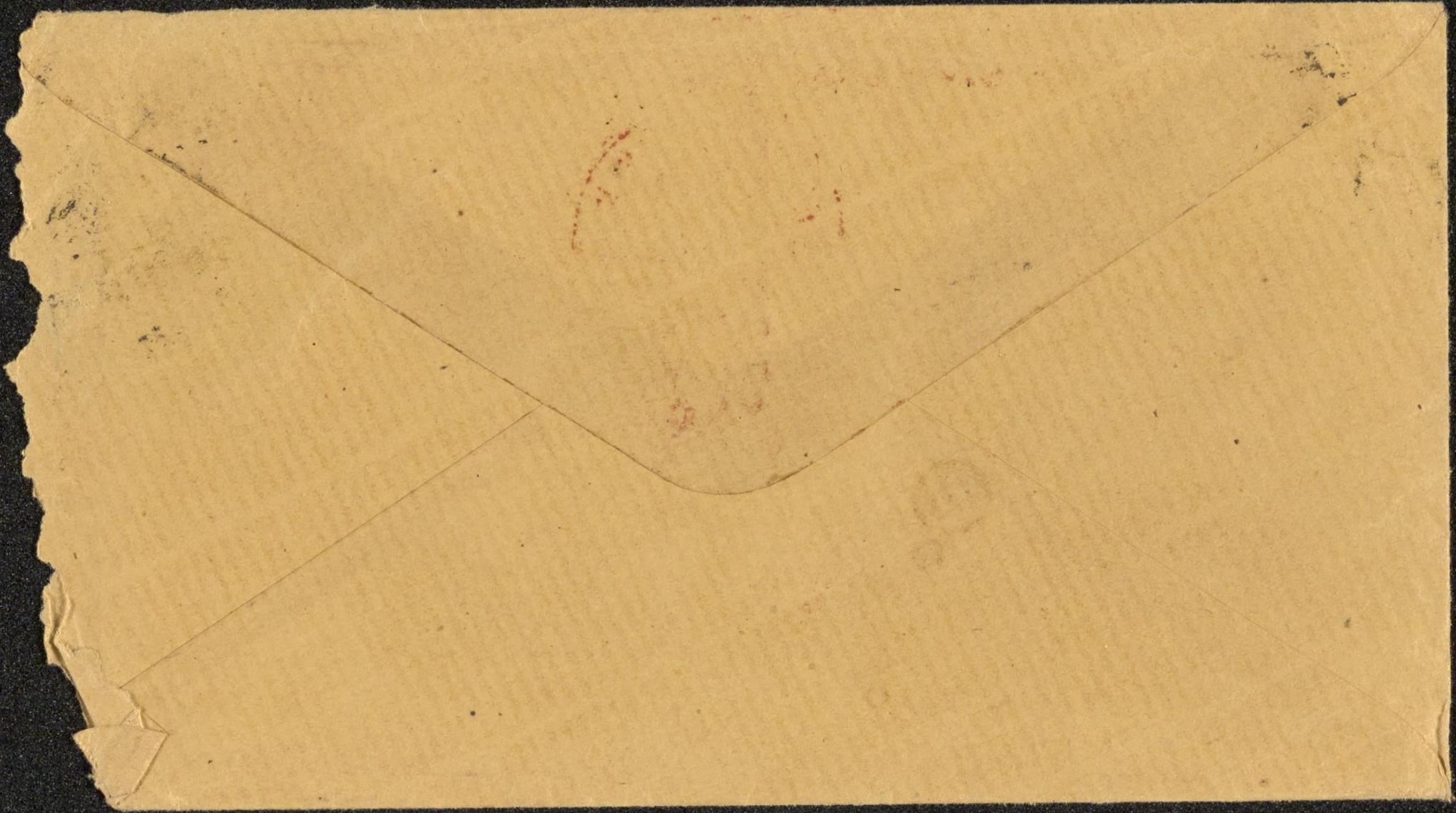




Rachel B. Stevens
East Montpelier
Vermont



of one, I have not seen the Doctor
The Poem was good - I am sorry to
hear that thy health continues poor - I
am about as usual frequently complaining
I am trying to rest now our family is
small, next month our busy season will
commence - Sewing circles schools &c. we
are to have two of May Slade's daughters
to board with us go to school to Professor
Lincoln - Joseph joins me in love to
thee and all thy family - including Horace
and Mary - I remain affectionately

thy cousin
Hannah

Providence 8th Mo 18/64

Dear Cousin Rachel

The letter of the 7th
inst. was duly received, and we were
grieved by the intelligence of the death
of thy dear William, when I was receling
of his being wounded I never suspected
that it had provee fatal - we do in-
deed sympathize very deeply with thee
in this affliction - It is the more keenly
felt no doubt on account of his absence
from home and the peculiar circumstances
in which he was situated - but I have ever
and must continue to trust and believe,
that those who feel as sincerely as
William did, that they were doing their
duty in taking up arms in defence of
their country and for the release of
these fellow creatures from Slavery
will be accepted - Sybil Jones
I think expussed in Yearly Meeting

last year, the belief that many souls
had ascended to Heaven from the battle
field - poor Rybil she has passed
through a similar affliction, her son
James who was an officer in a Maine
Regiment was killed in the battle at
Fort Stevens near Washington during the
recent Rebel Raid - We must all
expect to participate in the sufferings
and quieties which are inevitable in
this fearful struggle - The attack on
Mobile causes us a good deal of anxiety
but we hope that the city will surrender
without much fighting - and if our for-
ces get possession I hope communication
will be more regular - we are just now
without a child at home - Eliza has been
in Newport a week, and Josephine has gone
to spend a day and night with a friend
in the City - Susan appears to be enjoying
herself in Brattleboro, has found some ac-
quaintances, and I wrote her that I hoped that
she would meet with Anne when the latter
returns to B. - I believe I wrote her that

E Meader was with her daughter Phoebe, she
had expected to have been at home before
our Quarterly Meeting but Phoebe is so very feeble
she did not think best to leave her - Moses
Bueler is also very feeble - Our meetings are
small as usual at this season of the year
so many are out of town - Sarah Fobey
and her daughters have been at the White
Mountains, and are staying at Lynn on
their return to attend Quarterly Meeting -
after that is over I suppose we shall have
a visit from Elizabeth Comstock - I hear
the other day that sister E. Chase had had one
of those attacks of illness that she is subject
to, it was quite severe but she was getting better
I was intending to make them a little visit
this summer but they have a number of
boarders and I shall defer it - We have
had a good deal of warm weather this
summer some very oppressive, but we
are having refreshing rains and vegetation
has survived - I am going to send thee
an Almanac Report when I can get hold